(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether all States and Territories have constituted committees with nominations of M.Ps belonging to respective States and Territories while implementing the programmes;

(d) whether the Government propose to take action against such States and Territories which have ignored nomination of concerned M.Ps.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Monthly Progress Reports based on the information received from States and Union Territories are brought out by the Department of Programme Implementation. Copies of these Reports are supplied to the Parliament Library. The details of the achievement of States and Union Territories are available in these Reports.

(c) Most of the States and Union Territories have constituted District level Committees, interalia to monitor 20 Point Programme. M.Ps are represented on these Committees.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The constitution of Committees at State, District and Block levels is the responsibility of State Governments/UT administrations.

Incomplete Projects of Eighth Plan in North-Eastern Region

1838. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Central projects of the Eighth Five Year Plan remained incomplete in North-eastern Region due to inadequacy of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to complete the said projects in North-Eastern Region during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Financial Status of the States and Union Territories

1839. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the gross fiscal deficit vs aggregate revenue deficit of each of States and Union Territories during last five years;

(b) factors responsible and measures contemplated to improve financial status of the States and UTs; and

(c) the growth rate and related economic indicators of various States and UTs, steps initiated to ensure optimum growth of each backward state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilisation of amount for infrastructure of the National Games at Manipur

1840. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided for construction of infrastructure for the Fifth National Games at Manipur;

(b) whether Government are aware that the State Government has spent from the State Development fund which has greatly affected the State development programme;

(c) if so, whether there is any plan to reimburse it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Funds amounting Rs. 60.64 crore have been made available by the Central Government for construction of infrastructure for the Fifth National Games in Manipur.

(b) to (d) Details of the expenditure incurred by the State Government on holding the National Games are awaited and the question of reimbursement, if necessary, would only arise thereafter.

Infrastructure Development Plan for North-East

1841. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is not any committed plan during the present Government for the North-east States to cope with the infrastructure development plan of the area like that of the previous Prime Minister;

(b) if so, when it will be taken-up; and

(c) if not how the great gaps of average incomes of North-eastern States from the National average can be filled up in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The development issues of the North Eastern States and Sikkim were discussed in a Meeting convened by the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of these States on 8th May, 1998. The further steps to be taken in this regard include the adoption of an approach whereby projects would be identified in consultation, inter-alia, with the State Governments, the setting up of a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for funding specific projects in the North East and Sikkim and restructuring of the North Eastern Council (NEC).

A Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources has since been constituted and funds have been released, the Current financial year, to assist development projects, including in the infrastructure sector, in the North-East.

Resource Crunch in Andhra Pradesh

1842. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has pointed out resource crunch to discharge their duties under the 74th amendment like water supply, sanitation, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and